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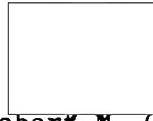
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SUBJECT: NID

About three months ago, I told you we were undertaking a major review of the NID with a view to making it more useful to policymakers. We have canvassed a fairly large selection of policymakers and a dozen or so staffers on the Hill and, much to our surprise, found they are much more satisfied with the present product than we had believed.

The attached, short memo describes the results of our canvassing and some changes we intend to make to improve the NID. We think these changes will improve the quality of the document and make it even more useful to people without doing anything that would turn them off. (I have attached a list of readers contacted, a summary of the results of the canvassing, and the talking points that were used.)

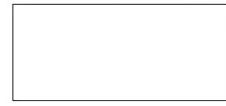
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